



NOTICE

North Hills Temporary Controlled Groundwater Area

Effective Date October 11, 2002

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) has designated a Controlled Groundwater Area (CGWA) in the North Helena Valley for a two-year period effective October 11, 2002. Anyone wanting to drill a groundwater well within the boundaries of the CGWA after the above date MUST apply to the DNRC for a Beneficial Water Use Permit or Change Authorization and receive a License for Drilling and Testing PRIOR to drilling the well. Any well that has already been drilled, but would not be put to use until after the above date, MUST apply for a Beneficial Water Use Permit or Change Authorization. These wells would not receive a License for Drilling and Testing.

The CGWA is located generally north of John G. Mine Road on the west side of Interstate 15 and north of Lincoln Road East on the east side of Interstate 15 in Lewis and Clark County. The boundary area is more specifically described as:

Township 11 North, Range 3 West, Sections 1-19
Township 11 North, Range 4 West, Sections 1-3, E 1/2 of 4, E 1/2 of 9, 10-15, 22-24
Township 12 North, Range 3 West, Sections 26-35
Township 12 North, Range 4 West, Sections 21-23, 25-28 E 1/2 of 33, 34-36

A map of the CGWA boundary is attached. Extra copies are available from the DNRC or the map may be viewed on the Internet at http://www.dnrc.state.mt.us/wrd/north_hills.htm

The purpose of the CGWA designation is for gathering information on aquifer fractures, faults, and characteristics, aquifer recharge, and aquifer withdrawals. The study would provide information to determine if withdrawals exceed recharge, if new wells would impair or substantially interfere with existing wells, and if there is a contaminant plume developing that would be affected by the withdrawals. If it appears that further study is necessary when the two-year period expires, a new temporary controlled groundwater area could be designated after notice and hearing as provided in Montana Code Ann. §85-2-507.

Forms and procedures for apply for a Beneficial Water Use Permit (for new wells) or Change Authorization (for replacing an existing well) are available on the Internet or from the DNRC. All questions pertaining to the North Hills Temporary Controlled Groundwater Area should be directed to:

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More information and the Order are available at http://dnrc.state.mt.us/wrd/north_hills.htm